

**MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
April 13, 2012**

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, April 13, 2012, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bonnie Barker, LPC, Chair
Jack Perryman, LPC
William C. Bacon, MFT
Tonya Barbee, CSW
Robert King, CSW
Eunice Mixon, Consumer Member
Richard Long, MFT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ben P. Marion, CSW, MFT, Vice-Chair
Steve Livingston, MFT
Tommy Black, LPC

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor
Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Bonnie Baker, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Agenda:

Long motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes:

Long motioned, Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to table the approval of the March 09, 2012 meeting minutes until the next scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Chair Report:

1. Ms. Barker reviewed the revisions to the Continuing Education Reporting form with the Board.

Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that consideration is being giving to no longer printing licensure pocket cards; that a template may be considered and made available for those licensees' who wish to print their card when they renew their license.
2. Mr. Zimmerman reminded the Board that the 2012 renewal cycle will go "live" in the next couple of weeks. If the Professional GA Associations wish to place a notice on their website or in newsletters with regard to the new GA law requiring a Secure and

Verifiable Document that must be submitted with each renewal and/or new application the Board would appreciate it.

Black motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Executive Directors report and polices as stated. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondences:

Correspondences received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

- Amber Crigger, April Brewer, Cheryl Carswell, Chris Everhart, Christie Williams, Chantay Golson, Alix Tillem, Kimberly Higgins, BJ Johnson and Laura Vann

Bacon motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Variance/Waiver Requests:

- Lee Chambers-Rule 135-5-.03 Requirements for Licensure: Master Social Workers

Mixon motioned, Barbee seconded, and the Board voted to deny the variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship; in addition, the Board does not approve Skype as a method used to obtain supervision. Supervision must be conducted face-to-face. None opposed, motion carried.

- Nancy Chase, MSW001737-Rule 135-5-.04 Requirements for Licensure: Clinical Social Workers:

King motioned, Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to grant the variance/waiver request. None opposed, motion carried.

- Ernest Eglen, CSW003136-Rule 135-3-Application for Licensure

Bacon motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to grant the variance/waiver request. None opposed, motion carried.

- Kimberly Homer, MSW004532-Rule 135-5-.04 (5)(h) Requirements for Licensure: Clinical Social Workers

Bacon motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to deny the variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship; in addition, supervision hours must be obtained under a LCSW and conducted face-to-face. None opposed, motion carried.

- Marlena Pique-CSW002344-Rule 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements

Long motioned, Barbee seconded, and the Board voted to deny the variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

- Constance Thornley, MSW005034-Rule 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements

King motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to deny the variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

- Kevin Wilbanks, LPC003349-Rule 135-9-.01 Continuing Education Requirements

Perryman motioned, Mixon seconded, and the Board voted to grant the variance/waiver request. None opposed, motion carried.

Rule Discussion Continued:

Rule 135-6-.04 Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses.
Amended.

Mixon motioned, Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to post the amendments to Rule 135-6-.04 Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses for the 30-day minimum requirement. None opposed, motion carried.

Rule 135-6-.06 Inactive Status

Bacon motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to post the amendments to Rule 135-6-.06 Inactive Status for the 30-day minimum requirement. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Policies Continued:

Sanctions and Fine Scale for Unlicensed Practice: Composite Board

Practicing without a valid Georgia license may be grounds, in the Boards discretion, for disciplinary sanctions, including but not limited to, the sanctions provided below. Possible fines to be considered (mitigating circumstances may be taken into account in varying the fine amount and/or sanctions imposed, and, is within the Boards discretion):

1. Practice over one month but not exceeding three months: fine of \$100.00 per month;
2. Practice over 3 months but not exceeding one year: fine of \$500.00;
3. Practice over one year but not exceeding two years: fine of \$750.00;
4. Practice over two years but not exceeding three years: fine of \$1,000.00;
5. Practice over three years: fine of \$1,000.00 plus an additional fine of \$100.00 for each month worked, or portion thereof, over three years not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Long motioned, Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Sanctions and Fine Scale for Unlicensed Practice as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application for Licensure by Reinstatement:

Long motioned, Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to increase the Reinstatement fee from \$200.00 to \$350.00. None opposed, motion carried.

Bacon motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2-(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Professional Practice Reports.

Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Barker, Perryman, Barbee, King, Bacon, Long and Mixon.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 13, 2012, Ms. Barker declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

Applications:

Bacon motioned, Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following Marriage & Family Therapists applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:

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| 1. L.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. H.F. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. D.F. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. C.H. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. M.L.J. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 6. A.J. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 7. T.K. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 8. F.K. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 9. C.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 10. E.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 11. N.S.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 12. V.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 13. L.V. | Approved to sit for exam |

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST- CONTRACT CHANGES:

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| 1. Grove, Sherri | Contract changes approved |
| 2. L.M. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:

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| 1. H.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
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MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM WAIVER:

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| 1. Beretta, Jin Sun | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Bagley, Adam | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Hoover, Douglas | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Ivey, Misty | Approved for licensure |

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY REINSTATEMENT:

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| 1. Polson, Michael | Approved for licensure |
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Perryman motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following Professional Counselors applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR – CONTRACT CHANGES:

1. Cleveland, Amber	Contract changes approved
2. Barton, Michelle	Contract changes approved
3. Burr, Janet	Contract changes approved
4. Grove, Sheri	Contract changes approved
5. Head, Takiyah	Contract changes approved
6. Ladson, Gwendolyn	Contract changes approved
7. Martin, Christina	Contract changes approved
8. Pascual, Sandra	Contract changes approved
9. Rinehart, Hannah	Contract changes approved
10. Staley, Katherine	Contract changes approved
11. Taylor, Ronda	Contract changes approved
12. Uwaifo, Oritesgbubemi	Contract changes approved
13. Wells, Keisha	Contract changes approved

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

1. L.A.	Approved to sit for exam
2. M.B.	Approved to sit for exam
3. P.B.	Approved to sit for exam
4. T.B.	Approved to sit for exam
5. J.C.	Approved to sit for exam
6. A.C.	Approved to sit for exam
7. T.D.	Approved to sit for exam
8. R.D.	Approved to sit for exam
9. S.D.	Approved to sit for exam
10. S.F.	Approved to sit for exam
11. Y.F.	Approved to sit for exam
12. J.F.	Pending the receipt of additional information
13. C.G.	Pending the receipt of additional information
14. E.H.	Approved to sit for exam
15. L.J.	Approved to sit for exam
16. M.J.	Approved to sit for exam
17. A.K.	Approved to sit for exam
18. H.L.	Approved to sit for exam
19. K.M.	Approved to sit for exam
20. J.M.	Approved to sit for exam
21. J.P.	Approved to sit for exam
22. D.P.	Approved to sit for exam
23. D.R.	Approved to sit for exam
24. E.R.	Approved to sit for exam
25. S.W.	Approved to sit for exam
26. K.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information
27. B.W.	Approved to sit for exam
28. G.Z.	Approved to sit for exam

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Brown, Denise	Approved for licensure
2. Clarke, Lauren	Approved for licensure
3. Diamond, Sharon	Approved for licensure
4. Francis, Latrisha	Approved for licensure
5. Glynn, Colibra	Approved for licensure
6. Hailey, Hope	Approved for licensure
7. C.H.	Approved pending the receipt of additional information
8. A.H.	Approved pending the receipt of additional information
9. Jimmerson, Shaquina	Approved for licensure
10. Lambert, Teri	Approved for licensure
11. Lawrence, Stacy	Approved for licensure
12. E.L.	Pending the receipt of additional information
13. G.L.	Pending the receipt of additional information
14. McDowell, Donna	Approved for licensure
15. Midkiff, Deborah	Approved for licensure
16. Morris, Senitra	Approved for licensure
17. Pledger, Erin	Approved for licensure
18. Rezaei, Sanaz	Approved for licensure
19. Ruben, Courtney	Approved for licensure
20. Wallace, Alison	Approved for licensure
21. Young, Shelly	Approved for licensure

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

1. M.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information
2. M.B.	Approved to sit for exam
3. P.B.	Approved to sit for exam
4. M.C.	Pending the receipt of additional information
5. B.H.	Approved to sit for exam
6. S.M.	Pending the receipt of additional information
7. M.N.	Approved to sit for exam
8. R.R.	Denied; educational requirements not met
9. D.S.	Approved to sit for exam
10. D.T.	Pending the receipt of additional information
11. S.W.	Approved to sit for exam

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Berryhill, Elise	Approved for licensure
2. Christopher, Jenie	Approved for licensure
3. Danna, Aaron	Approved for licensure
4. Donaldson, Candace	Approved for licensure
5. Echols, Dawn	Approved for licensure
6. Fraijo, Laraine	Approved for licensure
7. Franchesca, Cardona	Approved for licensure
8. Geter, Nadirah	Approved for licensure
9. Griffin, Victoria	Approved for licensure
10. Griffith, Meredith	Approved for licensure

11. Holloway, Thadeus	Approved for licensure
12. E.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information
13. Huff, Rhonda	Approved for licensure
14. Husted, Chad	Approved for licensure
15. S.K.	Pending the receipt of additional information
16. Langley, Teresa	Approved for licensure
17. Leslie, Paul	Approved for licensure
18. Lyons, Shevonne	Approved for licensure
19. Matthews, Jennifer	Approved for licensure
20. McCall, Angeanette	Approved for licensure
21. Mullis, Todd	Approved for licensure
22. K.P.	Approved pending the receipt of additional information
23. Powell, Sandra	Approved for licensure
24. Reinsel, Torie	Approved for licensure
25. Ross, Lawrence	Approved for licensure
26. Santiago, Stacy	Approved for licensure
27. Scheid, Margaret	Approved for licensure
28. Spann, Tehesha	Approved for licensure
29. Tate-Flowers, Raina	Approved for licensure
30. S.T.	Pending the receipt of additional information
31. N.T.	Pending the receipt of additional information
32. Thompson, Christi	Approved for licensure
33. M.T.	Pending the receipt of additional information
34. Veal, Kelly	Approved for licensure
35. M.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information
36. Williams, Verniqueca	Approved for licensure

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATEMENT:

1. T.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information
2. Blackwood, Chidale	Approved for licensure
3. K.C.	Pending the receipt of additional information

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY ENDORSEMENT:

1. Branon, Natasha	Approved for licensure
2. Egbe, Paul	Approved for licensure
3. Martz, Vanessa	Approved for licensure
4. Smith, Rita	Approved for licensure

Barbee motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following Social Workers applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

1. L.A.	Approved to sit for exam
2. R.B.	Approved to sit for exam
3. C.B.	Approved to sit for exam
4. E.B.	Approved to sit for exam
5. N.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information

6. D.B.	Approved to sit for exam
7. D.B.	Approved to sit for exam
8. M.C.	Approved to sit for exam
9. N.C.	Approved to sit for exam
10. T.C.	Pending the receipt of additional information
11. K.D.	Approved to sit for exam
12. J.D.	Pending the receipt of additional information
13. E.G.	Approved to sit for exam
14. C.H.	Approved to sit for exam
15. K.H.	Approved to sit for exam
16. D.H.R.	Pending the receipt of additional information
17. L.H.	Approved to sit for exam
18. T.K.	Pending the receipt of additional information
19. W.M.	Approved to sit for exam
20. K.M.	Approved to sit for exam
21. F.O.	Approved to sit for exam
22. O.O.	Approved to sit for exam
23. J.P.	Pending the receipt of additional information
24. A.P.	Approved to sit for exam
25. L.R.H.	Approved to sit for exam
26. B.R.	Approved to sit for exam
27. M.S.	Approved to sit for exam
28. B.S.	Approved to sit for exam
29. J.S.	Approved to sit for exam
30. N.T.	Pending the receipt of additional information
31. T.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Baugus, Kathryn	Approved for licensure
2. K.B.F.	Pending the receipt of additional information
3. Blandford, Merritt	Approved for licensure
4. A.C.	Pending the receipt of additional information
5. K.D.M.	Pending the receipt of additional information
6. M.D.	Pending the receipt of additional information
7. A.K.A.	Approved to sit for exam
8. K.L.	Approved to sit for exam
9. K.P.	Approved to sit for exam
10. K.T.	Approved to sit for exam
11. D.W.	Approved to sit for exam
12. A.W.	Approved to sit for exam
13. H.W.	Approved pending the receipt of additional information

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:

1. D.G.	Issue with a signed public consent order with fine
2. S.M.	Approved pending the receipt of additional information
3. Yockey, Dawn	Approved for licensure

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

1. S.A.	Approved to sit for exam
2. B.B.	Approved to sit for exam
3. D.B.	Approved to sit for exam
4. M.C.	Approved to sit for exam
5. N.C.	Approved to sit for exam
6. I.D.	Approved to sit for exam
7. S.D.	Approved to sit for exam
8. R.F.	Approved to sit for exam
9. S.H.	Approved to sit for exam
10. T.H.	Approved to sit for exam
11. K.H.	Approved to sit for exam
12. N.H.	Approved to sit for exam
13. G.J.W.	Approved to sit for exam
14. K.K.	Approved to sit for exam
15. T.M.	Approved to sit for exam
16. A.M.	Approved to sit for exam
17. H.M.	Approved to sit for exam
18. S.O.N.	Approved to sit for exam
19. T.R.	Approved to sit for exam
20. D.R.	Approved to sit for exam
21. T.R.	Approved to sit for exam
22. P.S.	Approved to sit for exam
23. K.S.	Approved to sit for exam
24. G.S.	Approved to sit for exam
25. M.T.	Approved to sit for exam
26. R.T.	Approved to sit for exam
27. H.T.	Approved to sit for exam
28. K.W.	Approved to sit for exam

MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. Billingsley, Judith	Approved for licensure
2. Chambers, Lee Roy	Approved for licensure
3. Frazell, Sarah	Approved for licensure
4. Geyer, Laura	Approved for licensure
5. McConnell, Colleen	Approved for licensure
6. Mcghee-Thomas, Anjanette	Approved for licensure
7. M.R.	Pending applicant interview
8. Stewart, Marion	Approved for licensure

STANDARDS COMMITTEE- APPLICANT INTERVIEW(S):

Perryman motioned, and Long seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants for licensure by Examination appearing before the APC/LPC Standards Committee.

- A.S. Denied, educational requirements not met

CSW/MSW Standards Committee:

- S.I. Appointment canceled by licensee.

Professional Practices Committee Report:

Complaint Cases Closed:

- COMP120014, COMP120032, COMP120042, COMP120046, COMP120054, COMP120056, COMP120058, COMP120065, COMP120068, COMP120075, COMP120080, COMP120083 and COMP120085

Complaint Cases: In Investigations:

- COMP120006, COMP120040, COMP120074 and COMP120079

Complaint Cases: Pending the receipt of additional information:

- COMP100031, COMP110101, COMP120002, COMP120010, COMP120019, COMP120024, COMP120044, COMP120049, COMP120063, COMP120064, COMP120066, COMP120067, COMP120069, COMP120072, COMP120073, COMP120074, COMP120076, COMP120081, COMP120082, COMP120084, COMP120086, COMP120087 and COMP120088

Complaint Cases: Referred to the Attorney General's Office:

- COMP110030 and COMP120078

Complaint Cases: Pending an Investigative Interview:

- COMP120089

Perryman motioned, Mixon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Professional Practice Committee Report as presented. None opposed, one recusal, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action.

Long motioned, Mixon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Bacon motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's scheduled meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist and

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Bonnie Barker, Chair

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: May 11, 2012